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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, CB

SUBJECT: EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO WOUNDED AP CORRESPONDENT

1. AP CORRESPONDENT AND PHOTOGRAPHER ALAN THOMAS ROCKOFF, WOUNDED BY MORTAR SHRAPNEL IN FIGHTING AT KOMPONG CHHNANG YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 2, WAS OPERATED ON BY SWEDISH ICRC MEDICAL TEAM AT KOMPONG CHHNANG SAME EVENING. ONE LUNG WAS REMOVED AND SOME SHRAPNEL REMAINS LODGED IN HEART AREA. ON ADVICE OF SWEDISH DOCTOR-IN-CHARGE, AND AT REQUEST OF AP PHNOM PENH BUREAU CHIEF, MATT FRANJOLA, ROCKOFF WAS PROVIDED AIR MEDICAL EVACUATION BY THIS MISSION. HE ARRIVED IN SAIGON APPROXIMATELY 0300 HOURS 3 OCTOBER WHERE HE IS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL IN THAT CITY. HIS CONDITION IS LISTED AS SERIOUS.

2. SECOND JOURNALIST, ALSO WOUNDED AT KOMPONG CHHNANG, THOUGH SUPERFICIALLY, WITH WOUNDS IN LEGS, IS A KOREAN NATIONAL NAMED JOSEPH LEE, A STRINGER FOR AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION. LEE WAS TREATED BY SAME ICRC MEDICAL TEAM AT KOMPONG CHHNANG, WHERE HE REMAINS IN HOSPITAL PENDING EVACUATION. HIS CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY.

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3. HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT UPI PHNOM PENH HAS MISTAKENLY REPORTED

THAT ROCKOFF DIED. UNDERSTAND UPI PLANNING A RETRACTION.

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